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INTRODUCTION

This reference circular lists sources of braille books available for loan, purchase, rental, or free (give-away) distribution. The circular is divided into four sections and includes general sources of braille books, sources of specialized braille materials, the major braille presses, and resources for further information about braille books and magazines. Information in the circular has been taken from catalogs and other literature submitted by producers and distributors in response to a survey conducted by the Reference Section. Magazines are not included; a complete listing of magazines can be found in the reference circular, Magazines in Special Media: Subscription Sources. As additional information is received, it will be included in future editions of this circular. Prices should be verified with each source before ordering, since they are subject to change.

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Sources of Braille Books

American Bible Society
1865 Broadway
New York, NY 10023
(212) 581-7400

English and Spanish braille Scriptures; Bible concordances in English. Printed catalog available.

Price: $14.00/vol.

American Lutheran Church
Ephphatha Services
P.O. Box 15167
Minneapolis, MN 55415
(612) 330-3537

Bible study. Printed catalog available.

Price: Free loan to readers worldwide

American Printing House for the Blind
1839 Frankfort Avenue
Louisville, KY 40206
(502) 895-2405

Elementary and high school textbooks, computer manuals, dictionaries, braille teaching manuals in grades 1, 1-1/2, 2, and 3 braille, foreign language instruction, cookbooks, music, and some general interest titles for children and adults. Printed catalog available.

Price: Varying prices

Associated Services for the Blind
Braille Division
919 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 627-0600

Computer manuals; Campbell Soup Cookbook.

Price: $0.23/page for computer manuals; cookbook free

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Bower Hill Braillist Foundation
70 Moffett Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15243
(412) 341-8164

Fiction and general nonfiction. Printed catalog available.

Price: Free loan to residents of the United States and Canada (will also accept Braillon exchange)

Braille Association of Kansas, Inc.
P.O. Box 17032
Wichita, KS 67217
(316) 522-6921

Primarily textbooks; some fiction and general nonfiction.

Price: $0.09/page with binding
$0.08/page unbound

Braille Circulating Library, Inc.
2700 Stuart Avenue
Richmond, VA 23220
(804) 359-3743

Fiction and general nonfiction, much with religious orientation. Printed catalog available.

Price: Free loan to readers worldwide

Braille, Inc.
157 Locust Street
Falmouth, MA 02540
(617) 540-0800

Fiction and general nonfiction; short stories; "Braille Tales" series.

Price: $30.00/vol. purchase or
$3.00 rental/vol. plus $15.00 annual membership fee and
$30.00/one-time maintenance fee

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Braille Institute of America, Inc.
741 North Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029
(213) 663-1111

Textbooks; fiction and general nonfiction, including cookbooks; Expectations, a children's anthology.

Price: $0.09/page plus $0.75/vol. for binding
Expectations free to children worldwide

Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc.
4444 South 52nd Street
Lincoln, NE 68516
(402) 488-0981

Fiction and general nonfiction, with religious orientation.

Price: Free loan to residents of the United States and Canada

Cocoa Beach Lions Transcribers for the Blind
P.O. Box 1077
Cocoa Beach, FL 32931
(350) 784-1077

Textbooks; fiction and general nonfiction. Printed catalog available for $1.00.

Price: Free loan to residents of the United States

Gospel Association for the Blind, Inc.
Free Circulating Library
P.O. Box 100
Delray Beach, FL 33447
(305) 499-8900

Bible study, inspirational reading for children and adults, and Scriptural materials. Printed catalog available.

Price: Free loan to readers worldwide

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Guild for the Blind
180 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 236-8569

Self-help books; children's literature.

Price: $2.50-$12.00/title

Horizons for the Blind
7001 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60626
(312) 973-7600

Fiction and general nonfiction.

Price: Free loan plus $10.00/year membership fee

Jewish Braille Institute of America, Inc.
110 East 30th Street
New York, NY 10016
(212) 889-2525

Judaica and books of Jewish interest. Printed catalog available.

Price: Free loan to readers worldwide

Johanna Bureau for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Inc.
30 West Washington Street
Chicago, IL 60602
(312) 332-6076

Textbooks; fiction and general nonfiction for adults and children. Printed catalog available.

Price: $0.11/page including binding

Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc.
11735 Peach Tree Circle
Yucaipa, CA 92399
(714) 790-2901

Religious tracts, pamphlets, and Bible stories in English; portions of the Scriptures in English and in over 30 other languages. Printed catalog available.

Price: Free distribution to readers worldwide

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Lutheran Library for the Blind
1333 South Kirkwood Road
St. Louis, MO 63122
(314) 965-9000

Fiction and general nonfiction; religious materials.

Price: Free loan to readers worldwide

Massachusetts Association for the Blind
200 Ivy Street
Brookline, MA 02146
(617) 738-5110

Children's literature; fiction and general nonfiction for adults, including cookbooks.

Price: $2.75-35.00/title

National Braille Association, Inc. (NBA)
Braille Book Bank
1290 University Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607
(716) 473-0900

College textbooks; general interest nonfiction; dictionaries; foreign language instruction; technical tables; music. Printed catalogs available for $1.50-7.50 each.

Price: $0.12/page for individuals
$0.35/page for agencies, schools, and libraries

National Braille Press
88 St. Stephen Street
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 266-6160

Cookbooks; computer manuals; needlecrafts.

Price: $5.00-$12.50/title

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National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)
Library of Congress
Washington, DC 20542
(202) 287-5100

A variety of fiction and nonfiction titles for adults and children, including foreign language literature, music, cookbooks, and Scriptures. Printed catalogs available.

Price: Free loan to eligible residents of the United States and American citizens living abroad. Available through a cooperating network of state and local libraries. Also available on interlibrary loan to foreign libraries and agencies.

New York Association for the Blind
Braille Transcribing Service
111 East 59th Street
New York, NY 10022
(212) 355-2200

Textbooks (elementary school language arts, high school English and social studies). Printed catalog available.

Price: $.15/page, additional charge for binding (will also accept Braillon exchange)

Plough Publishing House
Braille Lending Library
Hutterian Society of Brothers
Deer Springs Community
Norfolk, CT 06058
(203) 542-5545

Religious materials; inspirational reading. Limited collection.

Price: Free loan

Special Curriculum of the Church of Latter-Day Saints
50 East North Temple Street
Floor 24
Salt Lake City, UT 84150
(801) 531-2475

Book of Mormon, religious manuals, hymnals. Printed catalog available.

Price: $2.00/vol.

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Theosophical Book Association for the Blind
Krotona 54
Ojai, CA 93023
(805) 646-2121

General interest and religious books. Printed catalog available.

Price: Free loan; some items available to readers worldwide

Volunteer Braillists, Inc.
5930 Old Sauk Road
Madison, WI 53705
(608) 231-1966

Fiction and general nonfiction, including cookbooks, childcare, knitting books, and children's literature. Printed catalog available.

Price: Free loan to residents of the United States.
Also available for purchase at $.05-$.10/page plus binding

Woodside Terrace Kiwanis
Braille Project
850 Longview Road
Hillsborough, CA 94010
(415) 344-0803

Fiction and general nonfiction, including cookbooks. Printed catalog available.

Price: Free loan to residents of the United States and Canada.
Also available for purchase at $0.08/page and $0.70/vol. for binding

Xavier Society for the Blind
154 East 23rd Street
New York, NY 10010
(212) 473-7800

Textbooks for Catholic school students; fiction and nonfiction with religious orientation. Printed catalog available.

Price: Free loan to residents of the United States and Canada

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Sources of Specialized Braille Materials

Jumbo Braille

Books with braille dots two and one-half times the size of standard grade 2 braille.

Beach Cities Braille Guild
P.O. Box 712
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
(714) 536-9666

Short stories and short articles. Limited collection.

Price: Free distribution to residents of the United States

National Braille Press
88 St. Stephen Street
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 266-6160

Jumbo braille manual designed to familiarize blind persons with the braille system.

Price: $18.50

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)
Library of Congress
Washington, DC 20542

Six jumbo braille titles available through a network of cooperating state and local libraries.

Price: Free loan to eligible residents of the United States and American citizens living abroad.

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PRINT/BRAILLE

PRINT/BRAILLE combines the complete print book with accompanying braille text embossed on either clear acetate interleaves, as in NLS titles, or directly on the printed page.

American Brotherhood for the Blind
18440 Oxnard Street
Tarzana, CA 91356
(818) 343-2022

Twin-Vision books for children.

Price: Free loan to residents of the United States and Canada
Free distribution to libraries and schools

Christian Record Braille Foundation
4444 South 52nd Street
Lincoln, NB 68516
(402) 488-0981

Full-Vision books for children.

Price: Free loan to residents of the United States and Canada

National Braille Press
88 St. Stephens Street
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 266-6160

Children's PRINT/BRAILLE Book-of-the-Month Club. Flyers listing monthly selections available.

$3.95-11.00/title or $100.00/12 monthly selections

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)
Library of Congress
Washington, DC 20542

Over 200 PRINT/BRAILLE titles available through a network of cooperating state and local libraries.

Price: Free loan to eligible residents of the United States and American citizens living abroad. Also available on interlibrary loan to foreign libraries and agencies.

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Tactile Books for Children

Science Products, Inc.
Box A
Southeastern, PA 19399
(800) 822-7400

A scratch and sniff series, without braille; a tactile shapes series; a touch and feel series.

Price: $4.95-12.95

VersaBraille Books

Books for use on a VersaBraille machine, a paperless braille device.

Mount Diablo Transcribers
2116 Youngs Court
Walnut Grove, CA 94596
(415) 937-5173

Classics such as Tom Sawyer, The Incredible Journey, The Red Pony, and The Pearl. Limited collection.

Price: Free loan to residents of the United States

National Braille Press
88 St. Stephen Street
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 266-6160

A word speller and a daily planner.

Price: $10.00-$30.00

San Diego Unified School District
3401 Clairemont Drive
San Diego, CA 92117
(619) 274-5313

Twenty-four general interest titles at the elementary and secondary school level.

Price: Provide a blank Maxell UD XL-1, C-60 cassette in exchange for each title. Available to readers worldwide.

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Sources for Producing Press Braille Books

The following braille presses have the capability to produce from 50 to 1,000 copies of a braille book at a time. Since they are volume producers of braille books, they do not accommodate individual requests for transcriptions unless items are needed in quantity.

American Printing House for the Blind
1839 Frankfort Avenue
Louisville, KY 40206
(502) 895-2405

Clovernook Home and School for the Blind
7000 Hamilton Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45231
(513) 522-3860

National Braille Press
88 Saint Stephens Street
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 266-6160

Triformation Braille Service
3142 SE Jay Street
Stuart, FL 33497
(305) 286-8366

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Resources for Further Information

Braille Revival League
216 West Miller Street
Springfield, IL 62702

An organization established to promote braille production and the teaching and use of braille.

Central Catalog
Instructional Materials Reference Center for Visually Handicapped Children
American Printing House for the Blind
1839 Frankfort Avenue
Louisville, KY 40206
(502) 895-2405

A catalog listing braille, large-type, and recorded textbooks prepared by volunteers or from other sources throughout the United States. For a textbook search, the author, complete title, publisher, copyright date, grade level, and media must be provided. School districts and agencies serving visually handicapped children may purchase a copy of the Central Catalog for $25.00.

International Directory of Libraries and Production Facilities for the Blind. Washington: Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 1984. 109p.

Produced in cooperation with the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, Section on Libraries for the Blind. Includes facilities for braille production and distribution in fifty-nine countries. Free while supply lasts.

Library Resources for the Blind and Physically Handicapped: A Directory with Statistics on Readership, Circulation, Budget, Staff, and Collections. Washington: Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Annual.

Includes information on braille collections in the NLS network of cooperating state and local libraries and from other sources. Provides statistics on braille readership and circulation in the United States. Free subscription.

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Magazines in Special Media: Subscription Sources. Compiled by Merrillyn Gibson. Washington: Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 1985.

A reference circular that provides information about the availability of braille magazines. Free on request. Available in braille and in print.

Naperville Area Transcribing for the Blind (NATB)
670 North Eagle Street
Naperville, IL 60540
(312) 420-1863

Acts as a central registry for general-interest materials produced in braille by volunteers. Transcribers are encouraged to send their listings of general-interest materials to NATB. Persons interested in borrowing materials should send bibliographic data (author, title, publisher, copyright date) to NATB, along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Searches are not made while a patron is on the telephone.

National Association to Promote the Use of Braille (NAPUB)
3618 Dayton Avenue
Louisville, KY 40207

Works with individuals and organizations to encourage increased production, teaching, and use of braille.

National Braille Association, Inc. (NBA)
1290 University Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607
(716) 473-0900

Maintains a Braille Textbook Assignment Service which channels requests for college textbooks and other technical materials to available certified braillists experienced in textbook format transcription, foreign-language braille, and Nemeth code. Provides a disk-output-service that allows individuals to have books transcribed onto disc using an Apple computer and either the ED-IT or Braille-Edit software. NBA then paper-embosses the material from the disc at $0.06 per page. Also maintains the Reader-Transcriber Registry of certified braillists who provide braille readers with personal items helpful in work, leisure, and daily living. The Registry does not accept textbooks.

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United Bible Societies
Braille Coordinators
P.O. Box 810340
7000 Stuttgart 80
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Publishes a listing of worldwide sources of braille Scriptures in various languages.

Volunteers Who Produce Books: Braille, Tape, Large Type. Washington: Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 1984.

A geographic listing of volunteers who will produce reading materials not otherwise available, in braille, large-type, or recorded formats. A subject index facilitates access by foreign language, subject, or format. Free. Available in print and in braille.

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Washington, DC 20542

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Becoming a Volunteer: Resources for Individuals, Libraries, and Organizations, 1981

Bibles and Other Scriptures in Special Media, 1983

Braille Instruction and Writing Equipment, 1982

Building a Library Collection on Blindness and Physical Handicaps: Basic Materials and Resources, 1985

From School to Working Life: Resources and Services, 1985

Guide to Spoken-Word Recordings: Educational, Professional, and Self-Development Materials, 1983

Guide to Spoken-Word Recordings: Foreign Language Literature and Instruction, 1982

Guide to Spoken-Word Recordings: General Nonfiction, 1983

Guide to Spoken-Word Recordings: Literature, 1982

Information for Handicapped Travelers, 1982

Magazines in Special Media: Subscription Sources, 1985

National Organizations Concerned with Visually and Physically Handicapped Persons, 1983

Parents Guide to the Development of Pre-School Handicapped Children: Resources and Services, 1984

Reading Materials in Large Type, 1983

Reading, Writing, and Other Communication Aids for Visually and Physically Handicapped Persons, 1981

Reference Books in Special Media, 1982

Sports, Games, and Outdoor Recreation for Handicapped Persons, 1983

Sources of Audiovisual Materials about Handicapping Conditions, 1985

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A series of bibliographies is also published by the Reference Section. The following titles are available free on request:

Accessibility: Designing Buildings for the Needs of Handicapped Persons, 1983

Attitudes toward Handicapped People, Past and Present, 1984

Braille: History and Recent Developments, 1982

Gardening for Handicapped and Elderly Persons, 1981

Library and Information Services to Handicapped Persons, 1983

Mobility and Mobility Aids for Visually Handicapped Individuals, 1984

Reading Machines for the Blind: Devices for Converting Print to Braille or Speech, 1985

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